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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Vice President

Secretary of State Secretary of Defense

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT:

Implications of Soviet SA-5 Units

in Syria

Attached herewith is an analysis of the security implications of Soviet SA-5 units about to be deployed in Syria and the probable motivation behind this substantial commitment to Soviet prestige.

A companion piece will be completed shortly dealing with the likely Israeli reaction.

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